GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service - Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991– Article of Charge – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.274 **Dated:20.04.2023**
Read:

E-file No.AGC05-24021/94/2022-ENG SEC-MRKT (Computer No: 1903459), dated:07.02.2023 & 21.03.2023.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statements of article of charge (Annexure–I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed(Annexure–III & IV).

3. Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under which no circumstances, Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)
Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature of the Charged Officer to Government)
√SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

K. Sampath Kumar
SECTION OFFICER

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y.SRINIVASA RAO, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AM), VIJAYAWADA

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

"That Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada has failed to discharge his legitimate duties and failed to follow the orders of higher authority i.e. the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. while progressing the total works of Multi Purpose Facility Centres (MPFC Godowns) at R.B.K. Villages under Vijayawada Division.

Thus, it shows his gross negligence towards his official duties and lack of devotion to duty and thus, violated the Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964."

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y. SRINIVASA RAO, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AM), VIJAYAWADA.

Imputations of Charge :-

Agricultural Marketing Department has taken up the prestigious project of construction of about 1200 Multi Purpose Facility Centers(MPFC Godowns) at R.B.K.Villages across the State. In Agricultural Marketing Division, Vijayawada, 354 Nos. of MPFC godowns are sanctioned and agreements are concluded in November, 2021 with a completion period of 9 months. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing Department, A.P., Guntur conducted Tele / Zoom Conferences on every alternate days and resolved all the site and local problems to a great extent. Further, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing Department, A.P., Guntur issued strict instructions to all Executive Engineers(AM) in the State to ground all the works positively by 30.06.2022.

The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada did not ground even 50% of the works by 30.06.2022. Therefore due to slow progress the then Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing Department, A.P., Guntur conducted a meeting exclusively with Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada and the Deputy Executive Engineers(AM) on 01.07.2022 and closely reviewed every work and designed a special proforma duly covering all the possible site problems and obtained progress every day from July-2022 on wards.

Agricultural Marketing Division, Vijayawada is having 354 Nos. of MPFC godowns after bifurcation of districts. Out of 354 Nos. sites, 328 Nos. are found suitable to take up construction of godown works. However, despite regular reviews and monitoring of progress only 212 Nos. godowns were grounded till 12.11.2022 (i.e. 65%). It clearly shows, that the Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada did not put any effort to ground the

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works from the last 5 months. Further, the Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada cited some site problems, paddy crops in encroached sites etc. to divert the issue.

Hence, the Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada has derelicted his legitimate duties and his in-action, irresponsibility has adversely affected the entire State progress and he misguided the higher authorities till the eleventh hour.

1. The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada grounded only 42% of works by 02.07.2022 even after 7 months of conclusion of the agreements as detailed below:-

S. No.	Name of the District	Total No. of MPFC Godowns	No.of works Grounded	Average % of grounding
1.	Krishna + NTR	164	58	42 %
2.	West Godavari + Eluru	112	46	
3.	East Godavari + Kakinada + Konaseema	82	46	
	Total:	**358**	**150**	

2. The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada did not take up any initiative to ground the works although 328 sites are found suitable for construction out of 354 sites (92.65%). He has grounded 212 godowns only (64.63%) by 12-11-2022.
3. The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada did not complete single work in the entire division, even after completion of the Agreement time.
4. The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada brought to super structure stage at 16 sites only in these 12 months in 7 districts of his jurisdiction as detailed below:-

S. No.	Name of the District	Super Structure stage
1.	Krishna	4
2.	NTR	6
3.	West Godavari	2
4.	Eluru	2
5.	East Godavari	2
6.	Kakinada	0
7.	Konaseema	0
	Total:	**16**

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5. It is found out that there is a large difference between grounding of works and issue of work bills and nearly 125 Nos. work bills (i.e., 41 %) have to be submitted as detailed below:-

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of suitable sites	No. of works grounded	No. of Bills raised till 12.11.2022
1.	Krishna	85	38	19
2.	NTR	58	53	15
3.	West Godavari	32	24	10
4.	Eluru	76	40	24
5.	East Godavari	46	30	6
6.	Kakinada	27	24	12
7.	Konaseema	4	3	1
	Total:	**328**	**212**	**87**

6. In Agricultural Marketing Division, Vijayawada, it is observed that at least 37 grounded works did not show any progress since 6 months as detailed below:-

a. In Eluru & West Godavari Districts, about 16 Nos. work bills are not further raised after issue of the 1st & Part bill since 5 months.
b. In NTR & Krishna Districts, about 5 Nos work bills were not further raised since 8 months.
c. In Krishna District, about 8 Nos. works bills were not further raised since 4 months.
d. In East Godavari & Kakinada Districts about, 8 Nos work bills were not further raised since 7 months.

7. It is noticed that there is not even a single new work grounded during last 3 months in East Godavari & Konaseema Districts, only one work is grounded in Kakinada & West Godavari Districts and just 2 works were grounded in Eluru District.

8. The Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada did not stand on his own words, as he has committed to complete the 9 Nos. godowns by 30.10.2022, but none was completed.

9. It clearly shows in-action and irresponsibility of the Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada and Deputy Executive Engineers(AM), Krishna and East Godavari Districts, as 20 Nos. works remained at earth work stage in Kakinada & East Godavari Districts and 23 Nos. of works in NTR District since September-2022 to till date with out any progress.

It is evident that Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada has shown his gross negligence towards his legitimate duties and violation of Rule (3) of A. P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y. SRINIVASA RAO, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AM), VIJAYAWADA

1. Agreement No.68/2021-22, dated:8.11.2021.
2. Agreement No.69/2021-22, dated:8.11.2021.
3. Agreement No.71/2021-22, dated:10.11.2021.
4. Agreement No.72/2021-22, dated:8.11.2021.
5. Agreement No.88/2021-22, dated:7.12.2021.
6. Memo No.DEE-I/MPFC/Godowns/2022-23, dated: 29.6.2022 of the C&DAM, AP, Guntur.
7. Zoom conference conducted by C&DAM, Guntur on 12.11.2022.
8. Progress reports as follows:-
    a. Abstract for AIF project Statement-I for November, October, September and August-2022.
    b. Abstract for stage of work Statement-III for November, October and September-2022.
    c. Abstract for commitment for completion and finishing by 31.10.2022.
    d. Bills details for Krishna, NTR, West Godavari, Eluru, East Godavari, Kakinada and Konaseema Districts till to date.
    e. Mail sent by the Executive Engineer(AM)Vijayawada on 11.11.2022 regarding progress of works.

ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM BY THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y. SRINIVASA RAO, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AM), VIJAYAWADA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-- NIL --

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT